REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 11, and 12 have been amended, and claims 1, 3-9, 11, and 12 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101:

Claims 1, 3-9, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner asserts that the claims recite functional descriptive material that is not recorded on a computer-readable medium and rejects the claims on that basis. The applicants have amended the claims to specify a computer-readable medium to address the Examiner's concerns. To the extent that the Examiner also rejects the claims because the claims are directed to non-functional descriptive material, this rejection is deemed moot in view of the Examiner's admission that the claims are directed to functional descriptive material (see office action, page 4, "Claims define a computer program embodying functional descriptive material"). Further, the presence of non-functional descriptive material together with functional descriptive material does not render a claim unpatentable under § 101. See MPEP § 2106.01(II).

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lamkin et al. (U.S. Patent 7,178,106). The applicants respectfully traverse.

Lamkin fails to disclose second event information that, when read by the ENAV engine, causes the ENAV engine to prohibit informing the AV playback engine, which decodes the AV data, of the occurrence of the key input event. Lamkin discloses that the navigation buttons do not work for DVD navigation unless video is playing in full-screen mode (col. 19, lines 51-54). However, Lamkin does not link this feature of the full-screen video mode to the functionality of the disclosed markup documents. Lamkin does not indicate how this operation is performed or that this feature of the full-screen video mode is activated based on second event information recorded in the markup document. The disclosure suggests that the button disabling feature will always be present during the full-screen video mode, not that the feature can be triggered based

on second event information included in the markup document. Lamkin provides an extensive listing of commands that can be included in a markup document, but none of these commands corresponds to the navigation button disabling feature disclosed at col. 19, lines 51-54. The Examiner cites to the InterActual.ValidUOP(x) function disclosed in Table A.1.41, but this function merely checks whether a particular user operation is valid; the function does not itself disable the functionality of any operation, nor does the function prohibit transmission of key input events to the DVD navigator 422 (which the Examiner construes as part of the AV playback engine). Lamkin thus does not disclose second event information that, when read by the ENAV engine, causes the ENAV engine to prohibit informing the AV playback engine, which decodes the AV data, of the occurrence of the key input event. Accordingly, Lamkin does not disclose all the elements of claim 1, and the rejection of claim 1 should therefore be withdrawn.

Claims 3-9 and 11 depend from claim 1. The rejection of claims 3-9 and 11 should be withdrawn for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Claim 12 recites limitations similar to claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 12 should be withdrawn for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

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